

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing apparatus for reproducing a recorded digital data stream, comprising:

determination means for determining whether an
5 object having a predetermined attribute exists in the recorded digital data stream; and

reproducing means for changing a reproducing form of the object and reproducing the object when said
determination means determines that the object having the
10 predetermined attribute exists.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the digital data stream includes a data stream coded by a digital television MPEG4 scheme, and has main data and
15 sub-data,

the main data includes data having a plurality of objects divided in units of predetermined objects, and

the sub-data includes attribute information of the object.
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3. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the digital data stream includes a digital television data stream containing an object coded by an MPEG4 scheme and the sub-data multiplexed on an MPEG2 bitstream.

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4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said

reproducing means does not display the object in
reproducing the object having the predetermined attribute.

5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
5 predetermined attribute includes a real-time information
attribute which is significant in recording the digital
data stream.

6. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
10 the apparatus further comprises timepiece means for
measuring current time, and
said reproducing means replaces the object by another
display based on time measurement by said timepiece means
in reproducing the object having the predetermined
15 attribute.

7. A display device for receiving and displaying digital
data reproduced by a reproducing device, comprising:
determination means for determining whether an
20 object having a predetermined attribute exists in the
digital data; and
display control means for changing a display form of
the object and displaying the object when said
determination means determines that the object having the
25 predetermined attribute exists.

8. The device according to claim 7, wherein said display control means does not display the object in reproducing the object having the predetermined attribute.

5 9. The device according to claim 7, wherein the predetermined attribute includes a real-time information attribute which is significant in recording the digital data.

10 10. The device according to claim 7, wherein
the device further comprises timepiece means for
measuring current time, and
said display control means replaces the object by
another display based on time measurement by said timepiece
15 means in reproducing the object having the predetermined
attribute.

11. An image processing method of reproducing a recorded digital data stream, comprising:
20 the determination step of determining whether an object having a predetermined attribute exists in the recorded digital data stream; and
the reproducing step of changing a reproducing form of the object and reproducing the object when the object
25 having the predetermined attribute is determined to exist in the determination step.

measuring current time, and

said reproducing step comprises replacing the object
by another display based on time measurement in the
timepiece step in reproducing the object having the
5 predetermined attribute.

17. An image processing apparatus for reproducing a
recorded digital data stream, comprising:

determination means for determining whether an
10 object having a predetermined attribute exists in the
recorded digital data stream;

designation means for designating a reproducing form
of the object having the predetermined attribute from a
plurality of reproducing forms; and

15 reproducing control means for reproducing an image
corresponding to the object having the predetermined
attribute in the reproducing form designated by said
designation means when said determination means determines
that the object having the predetermined attribute exists.

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18. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the
reproducing form designated by said designation means
includes reproducing by using an icon corresponding to the
predetermined attribute.

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19. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the

reproducing form designated by said designation means further includes reproducing by using an audio object.

20. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the
5 reproducing form designated by said designation means includes non-display of the object having the predetermined attribute.

21. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the
10 reproducing form designated by said designation means includes display of time information obtained in recording the digital data stream.

22. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the
15 predetermined attribute includes an emergency news telop.

23. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said designation means comprises:

instruction means for instructing a reproduced icon
20 on a display screen; and

means for changing a set value for designating the reproducing form in accordance with instruction operation of said instruction means.

25 24. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the digital data stream includes a data stream coded

by a digital television MPEG4 scheme, and has main data and sub-data,

the main data includes data having a plurality of objects divided in units of predetermined objects, and

5 the sub-data includes attribute information of the object.

25. The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the digital data stream includes a digital television data
10 stream containing an object coded by an MPEG4 scheme and the sub-data multiplexed on an MPEG2 bitstream.

26. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein designation by said designation means can be executed
15 during reproducing of the object having the predetermined attribute.

27. An image processing method in an image processing apparatus for reproducing a recorded digital data stream,
20 comprising:

the determination step of determining whether an object having a predetermined attribute exists in the recorded digital data stream;

the designation step of designating a reproducing
25 form of the object having the predetermined attribute from a plurality of reproducing forms; and

the reproducing control step of reproducing an image
corresponding to the object having the predetermined
attribute in the reproducing form designated in the
designation step when the object having the predetermined
5 attribute is determined to exist in the determination step.

28. The method according to claim 27, wherein the
reproducing form designated in the designation step
includes reproducing by using an icon corresponding to the
10 predetermined attribute.

29. The method according to claim 27, wherein the
reproducing form designated in the designation step further
includes reproducing by using an audio object.
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30. The method according to claim 27, wherein the
reproducing form designated in the designation step
includes non-display of the object having the predetermined
attribute.
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31. The method according to claim 27, wherein the
reproducing form designated in the designation step
includes display of time information obtained in recording
the digital data stream.
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32. The method according to claim 27, wherein the

predetermined attribute includes an emergency news telop.

33. The method according to claim 27, wherein the designation step comprises:

5 the instruction step of instructing a reproduced icon on a display screen; and

 the step of changing a set value for designating the reproducing form in accordance with instruction operation in the instruction step.

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34. The method according to claim 27, wherein

 the digital data stream includes a data stream coded by a digital television MPEG4 scheme, and has main data and sub-data,

15 the main data includes data having a plurality of objects divided in units of predetermined objects, and

 the sub-data includes attribute information of the object.

20 35. The method according to claim 34, wherein the digital data stream includes a digital television data stream containing an object coded by an MPEG4 scheme and the sub-data multiplexed on an MPEG2 bitstream.

25 36. The method according to claim 34, wherein designation in the designation step can be executed during reproducing

of the object having the predetermined attribute.

37. A computer-readable recording medium which stores a
program of executing an image processing method of
5 reproducing a recorded digital data stream, comprising:

a determination step module for determining whether
an object having a predetermined attribute exists in the
recorded digital data stream; and

10 a reproducing module for changing a reproducing form
of the object and reproducing the object when the object
having the predetermined attribute is determined to exist
in the determination step module.

38. A computer-readable recording medium which stores a
15 program of executing an image processing method of
reproducing and displaying a recorded digital data stream,
comprising:

a determination step module for determining whether
an object having a predetermined attribute exists in the
20 recorded digital data stream;

a designation step module for designating a
reproducing form of the object having the predetermined
attribute from a plurality of reproducing forms; and

25 a reproducing control step module for reproducing an
image corresponding to the object having the predetermined
attribute in the reproducing form designated in the

designation step module when the object having the
predetermined attribute is determined to exist in the
determination step module.